

Doug Coulson

Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Austin, 2013, Ph.D. in English
Dissertation: “The Rhetoric of Common Enemies in the Racial Prerequisites to Naturalized Citizenship Before 1952”
Advisors: Patricia Roberts-Miller and Susan Heinzelman
The University of Texas at Austin, 2009, M.A. in English
Tulane Law School, 1999, J.D.
Oklahoma City University, 1996, M.L.A. in Philosophy
Oklahoma City University, 1994, B.A. in English and Philosophy

EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor, Department of English, Carnegie Mellon University, 2013–present

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Race, Nation, and Refuge: The Rhetoric of Race in Asian American Citizenship Cases (SUNY Press, 2017).

Refereed Journal Articles and Book Chapters

- “More Than Verbs: An Introduction to Transitivity in Legal Argument.” Accepted for publication in *The Scribes Journal of Legal Writing* 19 (2020).
- “Law as Epideictic: The Complex Publics of Legal Discourse.” In *Rhetoric’s Change* (Parlor Press, 2018).
- “The Devil’s Advocate and Legal Oratory in the *Processus Sathanae*.” *Rhetorica: A Journal of the History of Rhetoric* 33.4 (2015): 409–30.
- “British Imperialism, the Indian Independence Movement, and the Racial Eligibility Requirements in the Naturalization Act: *United States v. Thind* Revisited.” *Georgetown Journal of Law & Modern Critical Race Perspectives* 7 (2015): 1–42.
- “Persecutory Agency in the Racial Prerequisite Cases: Islam, Christianity, and Martyrdom in *United States v. Cartozian*.” *University of Miami Race and Social Justice Law Review* 2 (2012): 117–88.
- “Distorted Records in ‘Benito Cereno’ and the Slave Rebellion Tradition.” *Yale Journal of Law and the Humanities* 22 (2010): 1–34.
- “Legal Writing and Disciplinary Knowledge-Building: A Comparative Study.” *Journal of the Association of Legal Writing Directors* 6 (2009): 160–99.
- “‘Toto, I Have a Feeling We’re Not in Kansas Anymore’: *Voest-Alpine Trading USA Corp. v. Bank of China*.” *Tulane Journal of International and Comparative Law* 7 (1999): 431–57.

Book Review

Review of Grażyna Anna Bednarek, *Polish vs. American Courtroom Discourse: Inquisitorial and Adversarial Procedures of Witness Examination in Criminal Trials* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014). *Discourse & Society* 27.2 (2016): 246–48.

Other Publications

Gregory Abbott and Doug Coulson. *West's Texas Practice Guide: Business and Commercial Litigation*. 6 vols. Eagen, MN: Thomson West, 2019. See <http://store.westlaw.com/business-commercial-litigation-texas-practice-guide/12368/17569645/productdetail>

West's Texas Business Litigation: Forms and Commentary. Eagen, MN: Thomson West, 2000–2004 and 2008–2019 supplements. See store.westlaw.com/business-litigation-2d-vols-3-5-wests-texas-forms/137239/22094366/productdetail?Printerfriendly_on=true

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Maurice and Laura Falk Foundation Fund for Research in the Humanities Grant, \$4,000, 2014–2016

Erwin R. Steinberg Summer Fellowship, Carnegie Mellon University, 2013

James L. Kinneavy Prize for Scholarship in Rhetoric and Composition, The University of Texas at Austin, 2013

INVITED TALKS

“Eloquence and Agonism in Supreme Court Fundamental Rights Opinions.” Presented to the Law, Culture, and Ethic Colloquium, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, April 23, 2019.

“Threat Construction and the Migration of Whiteness in U.S. Naturalization Law during the Early 20th Century.” Presented via Skype to the Migration Law Research Cluster of the University of Manitoba Law School, November 22, 2017.

“Rhetorical Constructions of Race, Religion, and Nationality in Arguments about the Meaning of ‘White Persons’ in the U.S. Naturalization Act, 1909–1952.” Presented at the Oklahoma City University School of Law Faculty Colloquium, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, April 15, 2011.

REFEREED CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

“Transitivity and the Conjectural Stasis in Legal Argument.” Accepted for presentation at the Biennial Conference of the Rhetoric Society of America in Portland, Oregon, May 22–24, 2020.

“Epideictic Registers in the United States Supreme Court's Fundamental Rights Opinions.” Presented at the Classical Rhetoric as a Lens for Contemporary Legal Praxis Workshop at

- the William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada Las Vegas, September 28, 2019.
- “Official English Laws, Linguistic Variation, and Law’s Audience.” Presented at the Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities at Georgetown Law School, Washington, DC, March 16, 2018.
- “Social Protest and the Justification Defense.” Presented at the Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities at Stanford University School of Law, Palo Alto, California, March 31, 2017.
- “Quit Calling It Forensic: The Complex Publics of Legal Discourse.” Presented at the Biennial Conference of the Rhetoric Society of America in Atlanta, Georgia, May 27, 2016.
- “Race, Nation, and Refuge: Arguing Asian Eligibility for Naturalized Citizenship in the United States, 1870–1952.” Presented at The Institute for Global Law and Policy’s 2015 Conference at Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, June 1–2, 2015.
- “Judicial Rhetoric and the Intentionalist Fallacy.” Presented at the Biennial Conference of the Rhetoric Society of America in San Antonio, Texas, May 22–26, 2014.
- “The Law as Epideictic.” Presented at the Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities at the University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, Virginia, March 10–11, 2014.
- Participant in Harvard Law School’s Institute for Global Law & Policy Workshop in Doha, Qatar, January 5–14, 2013.
- Panelist on “Gender and Immigration” panel discussion sponsored by The Center for Women’s and Gender Studies at The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas, October 8, 2012.
- “Persecutory Agency in the Racial Prerequisite Cases: Islam, Christianity, and Martyrdom in a Naturalization Trial.” Presented at the Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities at Texas Wesleyan University School of Law, Ft. Worth, Texas, March 16, 2012.
- “Democracy and Law in Judicial Opinion Writing.” Presented at the Federation Rhetoric Symposium at Texas A&M University-Commerce in Commerce, Texas, March 9–11, 2011.
- “Law, Narrative, and Authority in Historical Writing.” Presented at the Biennial Conference of the Rhetoric Society of America in Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 28–31, 2010.
- “Critical Race Theory, Identity Politics, and Rhetoric and Composition.” Presented at the Conference on College Composition and Communication’s 61st Annual Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, March 17–20, 2010.
- “Sophistic Historiography and Advocacy: Making Facts Hard and Law Bad.” Presented at the Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities at Suffolk Law School, Boston, Massachusetts, April 3–5, 2009.
- “‘Sadism on the Night Shift’: Abu Ghraib, Agency, and the Evidence of (from) Torture.” Presented at the Bernard and Audre Rapoport Center’s Annual Conference at the University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas, March 26–29, 2009.
- “Indeterminacy and Logic in Dewey’s *Logic: The Theory of Inquiry*.” Presented at the 20th Annual Midsouth Philosophy Conference at the University of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee, 1996.

“Schopenhauer’s and Cassirer’s Shared Theories of Consciousness.” Presented at the 19th Annual Midsouth Philosophy Conference at the University of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee, 1995.

COURSES TAUGHT

76135 Freshman Seminar: Trials and Controversies (S15)
76351/751 Rhetorical Invention (F15; F17)
76373/773 Argument (F13; S14; F15; F16; F17; F18)
76384/784 Race, Nation, and the Enemy (F16; F18)
76394/798 Research in English (S15; S17)
76442/842 Rhetoric and the Nation (N13; S14)
76475/875 Law, Performance, and Identity (F13; S15, S16; S17; S18)
76882 History of Rhetoric: The Classical Age and Its Legacy (S16; S18)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

National

Peer Review Panelist, Summer Stipends Program, National Endowment for the Humanities, 2013.

University and College

Member, Faculty Senate, 2013–2015

Department

Member, English Department Graduate Studies Committee, 2013–2019
Faculty Sponsor, Rhetoric Society of America Graduate Student Chapter, 2013–2019

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Society for the History of Rhetoric
Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities
Law and Society Association
Modern Language Association
Rhetoric Society of America
Texas State Bar

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

University Teaching Positions

Teaching Assistant, Department of English, The University of Texas at Austin, 2007–2008
Assistant Instructor, Department of Rhetoric and Writing, The University of Texas at Austin, 2008–2013

Legal Positions

Special Counsel, Toups Law Firm, PLLC (www.toupslawfirm.com), Dallas, Texas, 2008–2016

Associate Attorney, Kasowitz, Benson, Torres & Friedman LLP (www.kasowitz.com), Houston, Texas, 2002–2008 and 2011

Associate Attorney, McFall, Sherwood & Breitbeil, P.C. (formerly Glidden Partners, LLP) (www.mcfall-law.com), Houston, Texas, 1999–2001

Law Clerk, Baker & McKenzie (www.bakernet.com), Bangkok, Thailand, 1998

Law Clerk to Honorable Jude Thaddeus Fanguy, City Court of Houma, Louisiana, Houma, Louisiana, 1997–1999

Editorial Positions

Editorial Board Member, *Tulane Journal of International and Comparative Law* (www.law.tulane.edu/tlsjournals/tjicl/index.aspx), 1998–1999